

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, Indiana has strong history in the evolution of flight; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Historical Society notes that Octave Chanute, the first person to conduct scientific gliding experiments in the United States, made hundreds of glides at Dune Park on Lake Michigan in 1896 and 1897; and

WHEREAS, the Wright brothers and their family lived for a time in Richmond and used as a model for their designs a biplane designed by Octave Chanute; and

WHEREAS, the chain for the Wright brothers' plane was manufactured by the Diamond Chain Co. in Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, the U.S. Navy established Grissom Air Reserve Base to train pilots in World War II. The Air Force used the base during the Korean War, and it later became one of the largest tanker bases in the country. Today, the base is one of only four air reserve commands in the nation; and

WHEREAS, 22 graduates of Purdue University have been chosen for space flight, including Neil A. Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, and Eugene A. Cernan, the last man to do so; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2003, the Indiana Historical Society launches its celebration of the 100th anniversary of powered aviation; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commemorate the various contributions flight and aviation technology has achieved to the lives of Hoosiers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK O'BANNON, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2003,

THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY  
OF FLIGHT

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

*Frank O'Bannon*

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Frank O'Bannon  
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST:

*Todd Rokita*

Todd Rokita  
Secretary of State

